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SUBJECT: FINANCE MINISTER ON PAKISTAN'S BUDGET WOES, TOKYO
PLEDGES, AND U.S. ASSISTANCE

REF: ISLAMABAD 2115

Classified By: Ambassador Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b, d).

1. (SBU) Summary: In a September 3 meeting with the Ambassador, Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin said the GOP had included \$2 billion in Tokyo
2. (C) In addition, Tarin said the GOP was waiting on a \$500 million CSF transfer. The Ambassador explained that the funds could not be dist
GOP budget shortfall and cash transfers from Tokyo Pledges

3. (SBU) Of the \$5.3 billion in Tokyo Pledges, Tarin said he had budgeted \$4 billion over the next two fiscal years (Note: Pakistan's fiscal
4. (SBU) The Ambassador said the United States recognized the importance of building the capacity of the GOP to deliver social services. Per
5. (SBU) Tarin expressed concern that funds to Malakand reconstruction and a large energy infrastructure project could divert funds from the
6. (SBU) Tarin also recommended the USG contribute to the State Bank of Pakistan's (SBP) microfinance window, a credit facility to 23 microfi
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donor pledges should be made in a forum separate from the Friends of Democratic Pakistan.

Status of military assistance funds

7. (C) Tarin said that the GOP was still waiting for \$500 million in Coalition Support Funds (CSF). He said ODRP had sent a technical team t
8. (C) The Ambassador said the USG had purchased \$370 million in equipment for the military through FY09 Pakistan Counterinsurgency Capabilit
Tax Reform, Border Trust Fund and Energy Sector Reform

9. (SBU) Tarin said that lower than forecasted banking and energy sector profits in the latter half of FY09 had led to an unexpected decrease
10. (SBU) The Ambassador said the USG wanted to have the Border Trust Fund instituted and some donor pledges to it in place before the Septen
11. (SBU) Tarin said the same group that prepared Pakistan's integrated energy plan in March 2009 should take the lead in preparing for the C
12. (SBU) Comment: The Congressional Notification for the \$174 million cash transfer is on hold until Congress resumes September 8. The fur
13. (U) Participants:

Ambassador Patterson USAID Director Bob Wilson

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